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Application No.: 10/707,141  
Docket No.: 9097-US-PA-1**PATENT**

<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address To: Commissioner for Patents 220 20 th Street South Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202 Fax No.: 703-872-9319	Applicaton No.	: 10/707,141
	Filing Date	: November 24, 2003
	First Named Inventor	: Hou et al.
	Group Art Unit	: 2861
	Examiner	: FEGGINS, KRISTAL J
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114.**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted  
☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed  
☒ Preliminary Amendment in ( 8 ) page(s).  
☐ Other Documents in ( ) page(s).

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).
- b. ☐ Associate Power of Attorney.

**3. Fees are calculated as follows:**

	NUMBER FILED	CLAIMS FILED HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Basic Fee				\$790	\$ 790
Total Claims	18	MINUS 20	= 0	x 50	= \$ 0
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3	= 0	x 200	= \$ 0
[ ] month(s) extension of time is hereby requested. Time Extension Fee =					
Total:					\$790

# PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Substitute for Form PTO-875

Application or Docket Number

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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	FEE
	\$
x \$ 9 =	
x \$ 43 =	
+ \$ 145 =	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
	\$
x \$ 18 =	
x \$ 86 =	
+ \$ 290 =	
TOTAL	

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	18 Minus	20	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 Minus	3	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ 9 =	
x \$ 43 =	
+ \$ 145 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ 18 =	
x \$ 86 =	
+ \$ 290 =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	Minus		=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	Minus		=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ =	
x \$ =	
+ \$ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ =	
x \$ =	
+ \$ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	Minus		=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	Minus		=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ =	
x \$ =	
+ \$ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x \$ =	
x \$ =	
+ \$ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

- \* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

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